

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Georgia
Program Title:	Program Support
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	114-0420
Status:	Program Support Objective
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$5,575,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,103,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$5,050,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2005

Summary: This program support objective contributes to the implementation of USAID's strategy for Georgia. Cross-cutting activities include short-term and academic training, institutional human resource assessment and analysis, small grant-making to indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs), regional cooperation among the three Caucasus countries, program development and evaluation, and support costs.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Participant Training (\$1,400,000 FSA). This training program supports USAID's strategy for Georgia and will improve the performance of Georgians in their professional settings. In FY 2005, USAID will implement a training plan that will identify critical skill and knowledge deficiencies or performance gaps of Georgian partner organizations to be addressed through training. The participant training program will assist with institutional changes needed to advance reforms in Georgia. USAID also ensures that training is applied in the workplace by encouraging alumni from the training program to share experiences with others. USAID will work on capacity-development of local training providers through proposal writing and management workshops. Principal grantee: World Learning, Inc. (prime).

Small Grants and South Caucasus Cooperation (\$2,025,000 FSA). In FY 2005, the Eurasia Foundation will fund small grants in less developed regions of Georgia aimed at promoting transparency and accountability, civic awareness activities for youth, economic policy, public administration and municipal government reform, and tourism promotion. In addition, the Eurasia Foundation will fund specially designed public awareness campaigns with participation of the local broadcast and print media.

As part of its South Caucasus Cooperation Program, the Eurasia Foundation will provide support to the region's nascent think tanks to conduct research and provide policy recommendations to their respective governments. Integration with European and international conventions and standards will form the broad umbrella for this initiative, which addresses the inclusion of the South Caucasus countries into the European Union's European Neighborhood Policy. Additionally, the Eurasia Foundation plans to expand its work in the field of trans-boundary water resource management and conduct a baseline study to identify cross-border agribusiness opportunities. The Eurasia Foundation will also provide support to "Crossroads," a regional news magazine produced by Internews outlets in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia that broadcasts to all three countries in Russian. Principal grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Community Connections/Exchanges (\$600,000 FSA, \$600,000 FSA carryover). The broad public diplomacy goal of the Community Connections program is to contribute to economic and democratic reform and to promote mutual understanding in Eurasia through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. Through local community host organizations in the United States, entrepreneurs, local government officials, legal professionals, non-governmental organizational leaders, and other professionals from Georgia will be provided with a three to five week training program in the U.S. tailored to their professional or business interests. Principal contractor: Academy for Educational Development (AED) (prime), to be determined (TBD).

Program Development and Support (\$1,500,000 FSA, \$503,000 FSA carryover). Funds include support staff salaries, benefits and training, assessments, evaluations and audits, administrative expenses, such as office rent, utilities and maintenance, security costs, etc.

Small Project Assistance (\$50,000 FSA). This activity enables Peace Corps Volunteers to conduct low-cost, grassroots sustainable development activities. The activity promotes and supports economic growth and agricultural development, builds human capacity through education and training, protects human health and environment, and integrates women into the economic and social development of their communities. Principal agency: Peace Corps (prime).

FY 2006 Program: Participant Training (\$1,500,000 FSA). To assist with the institutional changes needed to advance reforms in Georgia, USAID will continue to support participant training. Principal contractor: TBD.

Community Connections/Exchanges (\$500,000 FSA). Support for Community Connections will continue as listed above. Through local community host organizations in the United States, entrepreneurs, local government officials, legal professionals, non-governmental organizational leaders, and other professionals from Georgia will be provided with a three to five week training program in the U.S. tailored to their professional or business interests. Principal contractor: TBD.

Eurasia Foundation (\$1,500,000 FSA). The Eurasia Foundation will continue to support activities identified above. Annual operating plans will be set out against evaluation of past performance and progress toward future goals, and will support USAID's strategy for Georgia. Principal grantee: Eurasia Foundation.

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Small Project Assistance (\$50,000 FSA). This activity will continue supporting economic growth and agricultural development, building human capacity through education and training, protecting human health and environment, integrating women into the economic, political and social development of their communities and the country. Principal agency: Peace Corps (prime).

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, through World Learning, USAID contributed to the development and strengthening of Georgian skills through targeted training activities. A total of 51 training programs were implemented, including 20 in-country, nine U.S.-based, and 22 third-country events. A total of 1,469 Georgians (40% women) from civil society, the private sector, and government benefited from training in the areas of democracy and governance, energy and environment, social transition, health, and economic growth. Seven follow-on grants were awarded to advance the utilization of the training provided.

In FY 2004, the Eurasia Foundation awarded a total of 30 grants and provided technical assistance through its Georgian country office and its regional program, the South Caucasus Cooperation Program (SCCP). The Foundation spent \$1,166,292 delivering 20 grants and providing technical assistance through its Georgia program. It also spent \$590,470 delivering 10 grants and providing technical assistance to Georgian partners through the SCCP regional program. Grants awarded in Georgia totaled \$1,756,762 million.

By the end of the strategy, thousands of Georgians will have been trained, hundreds of grants awarded to Georgian nongovernmental organizations, helping Georgia to carry out reforms and implement laws and procedures necessary for modernizing its government and industries. Opportunities for corruption will have been reduced by grant support to nongovernmental organizations promoting transparency and public sector accountability.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Georgia

114-0420 Program Support	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	228	30,343
Expenditures	228	25,572
Unliquidated	0	4,771
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	0	5,710
Expenditures	0	4,238
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	228	36,053
Expenditures	228	29,810
Unliquidated	0	6,243
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	1,103
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	5,575
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	6,678
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	5,050
Future Obligations	0	5,450
Est. Total Cost	228	53,231